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Over 22,000 Calif. Teachers to Receive Layoff Notices

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FRESNO, Calif. (KFSN) -- Lean budgets are forcing school districts across the state to make cutbacks for the upcoming school year. More than 22,000 teachers across California are getting layoff notices Monday and Valley districts are no exception.

March 15th is the day teachers who could possibly be laid off must receive notices from their school district.

The North Valley is getting hit hard. Merced Unified sent out 47 notices, planning to lay-off 18 teachers.

Madera Unified announced two weeks ago their plans to lay-off more than 120 teachers and other employees and to close Dixieland Elementary School.

Fresno Unified sent 19 notices; administrators say 16 went to temporary teachers based on performance issues. Last week F.U.S.D. announced plans to cut \$16-million dollars from this year's budget, affecting nearly 250 teaching positions. Many of those positions belong to temporary teachers, who will not receive layoff notices until April.

Central Unified plans to send notices to nearly 113 teachers and Clovis Unified said they are not sending out any layoff notices.

In the south valley, the California Federation of Teachers and other groups are marching from Tulare to Visalia. This is an effort to protect education and other services. They say instead of making tough choices, government is cutting education, and infrastructure.

Monday's march begins at noon at Tulare and J streets.

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